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Air Force to implement Stop Loss May 2

Effort to retain specific skills affects 43 officer and 56 enlisted specialties

By Staff Sgt. A.J. Bosker
Air Force Print News

WASHINGTON - The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (Manpower & Reserve Affairs) has authorized the use of Stop Loss in order to retain specific skills needed to meet national security objectives. Effective May 2, 2003, 43 officer and 56 enlisted specialties are Stop Loss.

"We do not take this action lightly," said Secretary of the Air Force Dr. James G. Roche. "Stop Loss is designed to preserve critical skills essential to supporting the Global War on Terrorism, while ensuring we're pre-

pared to meet other contingencies."

"We've implemented Stop Loss to ensure we have the necessary skilled personnel to conduct operations," said Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. John P. Jumper. "We'll use it only as long as necessary to accomplish our mission."

Stop Loss is being implemented across the total force (active duty, Air Force Ready Reserve, and Air National Guard) and affects all airmen in the rank of colonel and below, according to Maj. Teresa L. Forest, chief of Air Force retirements and separation policy at the Pentagon.

Both the secretary and chief of staff are acutely aware that the Air Force is an all-volunteer force and that this action, while essential to meeting the service's worldwide obligations, is inconsistent with the fundamental principles of voluntary service.

"We take Stop Loss seriously and are working hard to ensure the lives of our airmen, their families and their

civilian employers are not disrupted any longer than is necessary to meet our national commitments," Jumper said.

Therefore, a waiver process will be implemented for those people with unique circumstances.

"We are doing our best to minimize this disruption," Roche said. "And we will look at unique circumstances on a case-by-case basis and do all we can to offer appropriate relief."

"We understand the individual sacrifices that our airmen and their families will be making," Jumper said. "We appreciate their unwavering support and dedication to our nation."

For more information about Stop Loss, members can contact their local military personnel flight or the Air Force Personnel Center's Stop Loss Control Center (210) 565-2374 DSN: 665-2374 or www.afpc.randolph.af.mil.

For a complete list of AFSCs affected by stop loss, see page 5.

New ID cards now available

By Senior Airman Paul Reid Hanna
Public Affairs

Out with the old and in with the new.

The Department of Defense has a new identification card that will replace the old green cards that people have carried for years.

Called the Common Access Card, it has been available at many active duty locations, now the 94th Airlift Wing customer service has the ability to issue them here.

The CAC is a DOD identification program for military, civilians and eligible contractors. The new card has more functionality than the current identification cards.

The Defense Department expects the new card to provide functional capabilities such as access to buildings and facilities, and in addition to its use as an ID card, allow secure access to government computer systems and networks.

All military identification cards must be replaced by the end of September, said Tech. Sgt. Denise Martzolf, chief of customer service at Dobbins Air Reserve Base.

"To do this, an order of pri-

ority was established," Martzolf explained. "All mobilized personnel, newcomers, newly promoted and reenlistees are served first."

Martzolf said the process of issuing the card might take from 15 to 90 minutes. The customer service section will also schedule times for each unit to receive replacement cards.

The CAC will be recognized and accepted as official identification by gov-

ernment officials and others requiring picture IDs. The card does not have the holder's height, weight, eye or hair color, said Martzolf.

The new card is based on smart card technology and, in size and shape, is similar to a credit card, said Mike Butler, chief of Smart Card Programs with Defense Manpower Data Center East.

In addition, it has an integrated circuit chip that acts as a mini-computer. The chip can store thousands of bytes of information, said Butler.

The card's chip stores digital certificates, enabling cardholders to digitally sign e-mail, encrypt and decrypt messages, and establish secure connections to web servers. These abilities increase security and privacy of information sent over the Internet, Butler said.

No signature is on the front or back of the card, just a picture and the information required in the rules of the Geneva Convention.

Rear Adm. John E. Boyington, Jr., Commander of Navy Region South said, "We will be able to choose which features of the card to use for base access, and for secure access to the Internet. It will enable our Navy personnel to both protect and share our information more effectively and efficiently."



Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bob Purtiman

Airman 1st Class Ashanti Swann, 94th Security Forces Squadron, receives her new CAC card from Customer Service Representative Senior Airman Elisha BOWENS.

Airshow cancelled



Courtesy photo

The "Wings over Marietta" airshow scheduled for April 26-27 has been cancelled.

An increased worldwide operations tempo and heightened security concerns forced Brig. Gen. William Kane, 94th Airlift Wing Commander, to cancel the show.

"We're very disappointed that we won't be able to open the gates this year," said Kane. "An airshow gives us a great opportunity to tell our story to our neighbors. Overall, looking at the big picture, this is the right decision."

DOD to rebalance active duty, reserve workload

ROBINS AIR FORCE BASE, Ga. — Sept. 11, 2001, did more than change how Americans view the world; the terrorist attacks altered how the U.S. military protects the country.

As of March 5, more than 176,500 members of the reserve components have been mobilized to support the war on terrorism at home and abroad, according to the Department of Defense.

This buildup of forces is placing a strain not only on reservists, families and employers but also on the country's ability to maintain so many people on active duty for extended periods.

To help ease the burden on the U.S. government and the taxpayers who pay for it, DOD is laying the foundation to "rebal-

ance" the work load shared between the reserve and active-duty components.

Rebalancing is at the fore because DOD cut the active force 34 percent and the reserve components 25 percent after the Persian Gulf War, according to Thomas Hall, assistant defense secretary for reserve affairs.

"We structured the forces to face what we thought the world would look like," Hall said. "Then, suddenly, 9/11, and the enemy was at the doorstep and the world was never going to be (the same)."

One mission likely to come under scrutiny is security forces in the Air National Guard and Air Force Reserve Command. After 9/11, most activated reservists were allowed to get off active

duty after serving one year.

Hall is aware of the strain repeated call-ups place on reservists. He knows many critical specialties are concentrated in the reserve components, which cause the same units to be called up repeatedly.

"We cannot have a situation where we call you, as a guardsman or reservist, every year for three or four years," Hall said. "You won't stay in the Guard and Reserve, and employers might worry about employing you."

No date has been set for the rebalancing to go into effect. The plans must be reviewed, proposed and approved, as with any defense proposal.

Officials in the directorate of plans and programs at Headquarters AFRC say

they have not received any instructions from the Air Force or DOD to review current programs.

"Force rebalancing, like all other DOD proposals, will be dependent on budget submissions, legislative changes and policy adoption," said Lt. Col. Bob Stone, assistant for public services, office of the assistant secretary of defense. "Think of it as a process and that the concept is now moving toward budget and legislative initiatives."

Although DOD cannot make sweeping changes without congressional approval, the services can shift responsibilities from unit to unit through force structure realignments. (AFRC News Service)

Roads and grounds crew on duty to keep base free of trash

By Tech. Sgt. Bob Purtiman
Public Affairs

Once a week, the Griffin Services roads and grounds crew is required to police the base proper for trash—lots of trash. Occasionally, they even go out more than once.

Travel orders, training summaries, office furniture, household debris, and fast food wrappers are some of the typical items found by the crew.

Going out once a week just isn't enough to contain the amount of trash, according to Ray Muise, roads and grounds foreman. Because of the accumulation, he said he could send out a crew everyday.

"We could clean up the area along Atlantic Ave. in the morning and in the afternoon it's like we were never there," he explained.

The worse time for litter on base is immediately after a unit training assembly.

"After the UTA, trash is everywhere from the back gate to the front gate," he said. "We can easily fill three 50-gallon trash bags with everything that's left behind."

"The same items you'd find discarded on any thoroughfare outside the gate, we'll find here," he added. "We find enough cigarette butts to pave the base roads."

Recently, the crew found a car battery that was left sitting by a barricade near the visiting officer's quarters. Because it's a hazardous item, the crew had to coordinate with transportation for proper disposal.

Muise said he believes that some people feel it's easier for them to throw the trash out of their car than to take the time to put in a dumpster.

"In most situations, it's just a small group of people that do this," he said. "I don't think it's everybody that comes here. In a confined area like we have here, it isn't necessary. We have plenty of places for people to dispose of their trash."

Melissa Weers and Charlie Hearn are the driving forces behind the program and do outstanding jobs keeping the base clean, according to Muise. He added that its often at their insistence that they go out more frequently.



Photo by Don Peek

Melissa Weers stops to pick up some trash along one of the main base roads.

DOD urges against unsolicited troop mail

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — To bolster force protection, the general public is urged not to send unsolicited mail, care packages or donations to forward-deployed service members unless they are a family member, loved one or personal friend, said Department of Defense officials.

On Oct. 30, DOD suspended the "Operation Dear Abby" and "Any Service Member" mail programs because of force-protection concerns. Although these programs provide support to friends and loved ones stationed overseas, they also provide an avenue to introduce hazardous substances or materials into the mail system from unknown sources.

Unsolicited mail, packages and donations from organizations and individuals also compete for limited airlift space used to transport supplies, war-fighting materiel and mail from family and loved ones.

These programs are usually supported by well-intentioned, thoughtful and patriotic groups who are simply unaware of the new risks facing deployed military forces, said officials. Some individuals and groups publicize the names and addresses of service members, ships or units on web sites. The result is a potential danger to the troops they wish to support.

DOD officials cannot support creative and well-intentioned efforts that defeat force protection measures, but can instead recommend alternatives to mail and donation programs. To show support to troops overseas, the following are recommended:

Log on to the following web sites to show support, to include greeting cards, virtual "thank you" cards and calling card donations to help troops stay in contact with loved ones: http://www.defendamerica.mil/support_troops.html; <http://www.usocares.org/home.htm>; and <http://www.army.mil/operations/iraq/faq.html>.

Visit Department of Veterans Affairs hospitals and nursing homes. Volunteer services to honor veterans who served in past conflicts.

Mail from family members and loved ones has always been encouraged and the military mail system will continue to work hard to get that mail to service members overseas, said officials.

Dobbins to celebrate Earth Day April 16

By Master Sgt. Stan Coleman
Public Affairs

Earth Day grew from a solitary annual event, more than 30 years ago to an international celebration recognized by more than 141 countries with more than 200 million participants.

The Civil Engineer Environmental Quality Flight at Dobbins ARB will celebrate Earth Day on Wednesday, April 16, with the grand opening of the new Dobbins Nature Trail.

"April 22 of each year is the official Earth Day," said Gina Rose, pollution program manager of the CE's base engineering team. "It is a national day of recognition of the environmental impact we have on our planet. At Dobbins, we try to hold our annual Earth Day awareness events near the official day, but on a Wednesday, to maximize the potential number of people that can participate on base."

The Environmental Flight at Dobbins, hosting the April 16 event at the Lakeside Recreation center, is a seven-member team. The day-to-day activities of the team ensure that all activities on base meet the requirements of federal, state, and local laws as well as Air Force policies and regulations concerning the environment.

The functions of the team include

cleanup of contaminated sites, the annual goose roundup, compliance programs and recycling programs.

For the April 16 celebration, the team will highlight some of the environmental programs at Dobbins that are working to reduce or eliminate environmental pollution. The ceremony will begin at 9 a.m. at the beginning of the trail. Water bottles made of recycled plastic will be given out.

There will be giveaways at the lake-side facility and a display about the Nature trail as well.



"Our new nature trail contains natural and recyclable material," said Wayne Jones, natural and cultural resources program manager. "It is about 1.1 miles in length and six feet wide. The trail bed contains natural wood mulch and the tables and benches along the trail are made of recycled plastic lumber. The 150 tons of wood mulch that was used from

trees on and off base may have ended up in a land fill."

There are five locations providing benches as rest areas within the trail for relaxation and the enjoyment of a natural outdoor setting, said Jones.

The CE Environmental Quality Flight will also feature a Dobbins ARB display for the Earth Day celebration at Zoo Atlanta. There will be more than 40 military presentations and displays.

Passing the torch



Photo by Don Peek

Chief Master Sgt. James Duke, chief of operations, 80th Aerial Port Squadron, talks with his son, Senior Airman Joseph Duke, 94th Civil Engineer Squadron electrical power production apprentice, during the February unit training assembly. It was the last UTA for the chief and the first 94th Airlift Wing UTA for his son. "He brings me a great source of pride and I'm glad he decided to continue his military career with the Air Force Reserve," said Duke. Joseph was on active duty at Barksdale AFB, La., prior to joining the 94th Airlift Wing.

Service commitment program protects investment in Reservists

By Chief Master Sgt. David Curtis
Public Affairs

Tech. Sgt. Rob Lynch, the new 94th Airlift Wing Career Advisor, has plenty to talk about these days as he helps roll out a new Reserve program designed to help the Air Force and taxpayers protect their training and education investments in reservists.

Called the Reserve Service Commitment Program, the new policy requires reservists to sign a contract that they will stay with the Reserve for a specified length of time that is based on an RSC-incurring event. Incurring events are career events that include, promotions, training, formal schools or the commissioning of officers. The policy applies to all enlisted ranks and officer ranks up to the rank of colonel.

"This program isn't really new to the Air Force," said Lynch. "Our active-duty counterparts have been doing this for some time now. All the military is doing is rolling the program out to the Reserve."

The new RSC program became effective April 1.

Lynch, who is responsible for assisting reservists with career decisions, works with 94th AW members to ensure their enlistment, enlistment extensions and individual bonuses are properly processed.

Here's how the RSC program works. Suppose you are a master sergeant and were eligible for promotion to senior master sergeant. Using the guidelines, you would sign a contract that you will serve at least two more years with the Air Force before receiving the promotion.

Another example is if you accept a formal school that is 20 or more weeks of in-residence training. Then you must sign an agreement that you are going to spend at least three more years with the Reserve in order to receive the training. This event applies to all enlisted ranks.

A final example might be if you have been accepted for undergraduate pilot training. In this case, you must commit to at least 10 years of service in order to go through the program.

For each RSC event, there are different standards and sometime exceptions and waivers are available.

"The new RSC program is good for us as a unit and

as a force," Lynch added. "It's going to help us retain qualified and trained people to meet our missions. The Air Force Reserve wants something back. After 20 weeks of training, for example, we want you to apply what we've taught you and not have to turn around and train someone all over again to replace you in a few months."

Lynch points out that just a two-week course cost the Reserve between \$1,500 and \$1,800 dollars.

One aspect of the program is that it has teeth. If you're pressing ahead with your Reserve career, it won't matter to you, but if you change your plans in the middle of the road, you might be expected to repay some of the money spent on your training or face a recall to duty or away without leave charges.

"I think this is an easy program for the career reservist to handle," added Lynch. "We're not trying to chain you to a desk until you keel over, but you do need to make a firm decision that based on what you are receiving, you, in return, are willing to commit to the service."

If you have questions about the program, call Lynch at 678-655-5003.

After Capstone, commander convinced troops have tools, skills needed for victory



Brig. Gen. William Kane
94th Airlift Wing commander

I recently had the opportunity to attend a National Defense University program called "Capstone." This program provides new General Officers with the opportunity to get a detailed tutorial on all of the services.

I visited Army, Marine, Navy and Air Force units and in many cases saw demonstrations of their capability.

I also got to visit with many of the men and women preparing to deploy to Southwest Asia.

I learned a great deal during my Capstone experience. One of the many lessons was the individual skills and dedication of our men and women in uniform.

As I visited with young para-

troopers from the 82nd Airborne at Ft. Bragg, N.C., who were preparing for a practice jump and preparing to deploy to Kuwait, I saw determination and patriotism.

The same determination and patriotism I see when I look at 94th airmen. When I asked "Are you ready to fight?" I got an enthusiastic "Hooah," the Army equivalent of, "Yes Sir."

Later that night, using night vision goggles, I watched these same young soldiers conduct a night assault and capture an airfield. It was an impressive display achieved with skill and professionalism.

A second lesson I had reinforced at Capstone was the incredible weapons we can deploy in defense of our country.

I watched a firepower demonstration at Nellis Air Force Base, Nev. During that event, I saw what a full load of a B-52, B-2 and a B-1 can do. I am very happy this capability is on our side in the Iraq conflict. I also got to see a Predator and talked to some of their pilots and maintainers. It certainly is an innovative and incredible intelligence resource.

I do not know the details of the war plan for the Iraq invasion, but I am certain these weapons are playing a critical role in the invasion.

Finally, I was impressed by the leaders I met.

There were approximately 40 other flag officers in my class from all branches of the services.

We learned a lot from each other. One message I heard many times was

"Thank You." "Your reservists are critical to our success. We, the active duty, can not do it alone." A question I was often asked was "How do reservists do it? How do they stay so proficient in both their civilian and military careers?"

Those questions started great discussions about how the reserves work. The active duty leadership understands the contribution of the reserve components.

The 94th has many people mobilized and many of them deployed in the SWA theater and around the world.

After my Capstone experience, I can say with great confidence that our airmen are as well prepared as any soldier, sailor, Marine or airman I met. I am proud of how you have answered the president's call to protect our nation.

Together with our active-duty and Guard counterparts, we will take the fight to Iraq and we will prevail.

I have no illusions that it will be easy, but I am absolutely convinced that we are sending our people into harm's way with the tools, and the skills they need to persevere.

I want all of you who are mobilized or deployed who you have my total confidence to do your job in your usual professional manner and that I am proud of you.

I also want your families to know how proud I am of them for their support of our great nation.

I pray that God continue to bless America and may send our men and women home to us as quickly as possible.



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Two new military medals authorized

WASHINGTON (AFPN) — A presidential executive order signed March 12 authorizes the Department of Defense to create two new military medals for service in the global war on terrorism.

The Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal will recognize servicemembers who participate in an expedition to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001. It is limited to those who deploy as part of Operation Enduring Freedom.

The Global War on Terrorism Service Medal will recognize service in military operations to combat terrorism on or after Sept. 11, 2001.

It is limited to Operation Noble Eagle and to those servicemembers who provide support to Operation Enduring Freedom from outside the area of eligibility designated for the expeditionary medal.

The medals were recommended by Secretary of Defense Donald Rumsfeld.

Specific eligibility for the medals will be established by DOD awards policy officials.

Combatant commander's have the authority to award the medals to units and people deployed within their theater for approved operations. Each service department will prescribe the appropriate regulations for processing and wearing the medals.

Members of the U.S. armed forces and Coast Guard are eligible for the medals, including Reserve and National Guard members activated to support approved operations.

Civilians, foreign nationals and foreign military are not eligible.

It will take up to 12 months to produce and stock the medals in supply systems, officials said.

Future authorizations for these medals can be approved by the chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff if the war on terrorism expands.



Global War on Terrorism Expeditionary Medal



Global War on Terrorism Service Medal

TPC members pitch in to feed homeless

By Senior Airman Micky Cordiviola
Public Affairs

Members of the Transportation Proficiency Center not only move cargo around the world, they also move hearts here at home.

On Jan. 28th, nine volunteers from the TPC donated their time and money at a homeless shelter to help those in need.

"Helping out the community through this Christian-based organization warms my heart," said Tech. Sgt. Jeanette Russo, TPC instructor. "We were all touched by the way the people were so grateful for receiving basic needs that most of us take for granted daily."

The group provided enough breakfast food to feed 60 people. Money to fund the meal was used from the TPC coffee fund and the rest was provided by the donations of all the members.

"Purchasing the food was not a problem, but getting it to the shelter that day became an obstacle," said Senior Master Sgt. Joyce Scott, NCOIC. "It just happened to be an unusual day where



Courtesy photo

Senior Master Sgt. Joyce Scott (far right) prepares a breakfast tray for one of the shelter's visitors.

Atlanta received snow and ice. The weather made the roads dangerous and the winds were whipping through the area. We were

uncertain if it was going to be possible to travel to the homeless shelter."

Everyone did make it to the shelter

safely, and they arrived early enough for people at the shelter to eat breakfast at the usual time. The breakfast menu included eggs, grits, sausage, cereal, biscuits, juice and toast. Each volunteer had a different role in preparing the meal.

"Watching all the volunteers spending quality time with the people at the shelter made it special," said Scott. "The people in this unit are helpful and caring by nature. They are always looking for ways to help anyone who needs it."

The Must Industries homeless shelter provides programs that help people find jobs, receive counseling, and obtain food and clothing.

"This is a great organization because they help people get back on their feet," said Russo. "They provide help that will give long-term solutions and not a quick fix. Anyone at Dobbins is welcome to volunteer at the shelter and household item donations are always welcome."

Volunteering is an ongoing passion to which that the TPC unit has participated with in the past and plans on continuing in the future.

Complete list of officer and enlisted specialties affected by Stop Loss

OFFICER (APPLIES TO PAFSC REGARDLESS OF PREFIX/SUFFIX EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED):

11AX AIRLIFT PILOT
11BX BOMBER PILOT
11EX TEST PILOT
11FX FIGHTER PILOT
11GX GENERALIST PILOT
11HX HELICOPTER PILOT
11KX TRAINER PILOT
11RX RECCE/SURV/ELECT WARFARE PILOT
11SX SPECIAL OPERATIONS PILOT
11TX TANKER, C-12 CTP PILOT
12AX AIRLIFT NAVIGATOR
12BX BOMBER NAVIGATOR
12EX TEST NAVIGATOR
12FX FIGHTER NAVIGATOR
12GX GENERALIST NAVIGATOR
12KX TRAINER NAVIGATOR
12RX RECCE/SURV/ELECT WARFARE NAVIGATOR
12SX SPECIAL OPERATIONS NAVIGATOR
12TX TANKER NAVIGATOR
13BX AIR BATTLE MANAGER
13DAX COMBAT RESCUE
13DXB SPECIAL TACTICS
13MX AIRFIELD OPERATIONS
14NX INTELLIGENCE
31PX SECURITY FORCES
32EX CIVIL ENGINEER
43EX BIOENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEER
43HX PUBLIC HEALTH
43TX BIOMEDICAL LABORATORY
44EX EMERGENCY SERVICES PHYSICIAN
44MX INTERNIST

45AX ANESTHESIOLOGIST
45BX ORTHOPEDIC SURGEON
45SX SURGEON
46FX FLIGHT NURSE
46MX NURSE ANESTHETIST
46NXX CRITICAL CARE NURSE
46SX OPERATING ROOM NURSE
48AX AEROSPACE MEDICINE SPECIALIST
48GX GENERAL MEDICAL OFFICER
48RX RESIDENCY TRAINED FLIGHT SURGEON
51JX JUDGE ADVOCATE
71SX SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR

ENLISTED (APPLIES TO CAFSC REGARDLESS OF PREFIX/SUFFIX EXCEPT WHERE INDICATED):

1A0XX IN-FLIGHT REFUELING
1A1XX FLIGHT ENGINEER
1A2XX LOADMASTER
1A3XX AIRBORNE COMM & ELECT SYSTEMS
1A4XX AIRBORNE BATTLE MANAGEMENT
1A5XX AIRBORNE MISSION SYSTEMS
1A7XX AERIAL GUNNER
1A8XX AIRBORNE CRYPTOLOGIC LINGUIST
1C0X1 AIRFIELD MANAGEMENT
1C1XX AIR TRAFFIC CONTROL
1C2XX COMBAT CONTROL
1C3XX COMMAND POST
1C4XX TACTICAL AIR COMMAND & CONTROL
1C5XX AEROSPACE CONTROL & WARNING
1N0XX INTELLIGENCE APPLICATIONS
1N1XX IMAGERY ANALYSIS
1N200 SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS
X1N2XX AIRCREW SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE
1N3X4 FAR EAST CRYPTOLOGIC LINGUIST
1N3X5 MID-EAST CRYPTOLOGIC LINGUIST

1N3X6* AFRICAN CRYPTOLOGIC LINGUIST
1N3X7* TURKIC CRYPTOLOGIC LINGUIST
1N3X8* POLYNESIAN CRYPTOLOGIC LINGUIST
1N3X9* INDO-IRANIAN CRYPTOLOGIC LINGUIST
1N4XX SIGNALS INTELLIGENCE ANALYSIS
1N5XX ELECT SIGNALS INTEL EXPLOITATION
1N6XX ELEC SYSTEM SECURITY ASSESSMENT
1S0XX SAFETY
1T1XX AIRCREW LIFE SUPPORT
1T2XX PARARESCUE
2E2X1 COM, NETWORK, SWITCHING & CRYPTO
2F0X1 FUELS
2T3X2A SPECIAL VEHICLE MAINTENANCE
2T3X2B SPECIAL VEHICLE MAINTENANCE
3C0X1 COMM - COMPUTER SYSTEMS OPERATIONS
3C2X1 COMM - COMPUTER SYSTEMS CONTROL
3E000 ELECTRICAL (CEM)
3E0X2 ELECTRICAL POWER PRODUCTION
3E4X1 UTILITIES SYSTEMS
3E4X2 LIQUID FUELS SYSTEMS MAINTENANCE
3E5X1 ENGINEERING
3E7X1 FIRE PROTECTION
3E8X1 EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL
3E9X1 READINESS
3H0X1 HISTORIAN
3N0XX PUBLIC AFFAIRS & BROADCASTING
3P0XX SECURITY FORCES
4A1XX MEDICAL MATERIAL
4A2XX BIOMEDICAL EQUIPMENT
4B0XX BIOENVIRONMENTAL ENGINEERING
4E0XX PUBLIC HEALTH
4H0XX CARDIOPULMONARY LABORATORY
5J0X1 PARALEGAL
7S0X1 SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS
8D000 LINGUIST DEBRIEFER
9L000 INTERPRETER/TRANSLATOR

OCMs first line defense for computer users



Photo by Senior Airman David Atchison

Master Sgt. Mark Brown advises Senior Airman Michelle Sellers, an OCM in training, on some of the troubles Reservists may experience.

By Senior Airman David Atchison
Public Affairs

The next time reservists look for answers to computer inquiries, they they might find them close to home

Rather than call the Network Control Center for assistance, reservists can now call their Organization Computer Manager.

"We at the NCC call the OCM the first line of defense for customers problems," said Maj. Michael McCully, 94th Communications Flight commander.

The OCM is the support person for small computers issues in each unit or section. They coordinate operations with the Information Process Management System and Security Assurance Training Education managers.

OCM responsibilities include setup and configuration of new computers, installation of software, set up of non networked printers, troubleshooting user issues, routine application configuration and install peripherals.

If an OCM is unable to resolve an issue then the Work Group Manager is contacted. WGMS monitor ongoing operations of client systems to ensure hardware and software is functioning prop-

erly while ensuring operational standards are met.

They provide initial systems diagnostics testing; troubleshoot hardware, and solve software and client local network connectivity problems.

"One of the most common problems I hear about around the base is resetting a password," said Master Sgt. Mark Brown, 94th Mission Support Group work group manager. "What many people don't know is that their OCM can reset their password for them."

Since OCMs work at a unit level, they typically operate in close proximity to their people in their unit who may experience computer problems, added Brown.

Complications like password-related lockouts and software updates can be handled efficiently and are just a phone call away.

"The OCMs have really helped with the workload of the center", said McCully. "By training individuals to be OCMs, we can resolve a lot more problems than ever before."

Reservists interested in becoming an OCM for their organization need to contact their commander. if you are interested in learning more about computer applications, log onto www.smart-force.com/learning_community/custom/usaf/login.asp for online classes offered to servicemembers.

Paralegal makes mark as teacher

By Staff Sgt. Brannen Parrish
Public Affairs

An air reserve technician from the 94th Airlift Wing was recently recognized for her efforts in sharing her expertise to reservists in the administrative law field.

Master Sgt. Donna Bridges was named the recipient of the Donald C. Rasher Award. The award is given annually to the Reserve outstanding legal educator.

Bridges, the only paralegal ART in the Air Force, splits time working as a paralegal at Dobbins and as an instructor at the Judge Advocate General's School at Maxwell Air Force Base, Ala.

Teaching, she said brings out the best in her. "When I'm teaching that's me, that's the real me, being in front of people and talking about something I know."

Bridges has been an adjunct instructor at the school at Maxwell

since 1996. Her love for teaching began while she was attending a paralegal course at the school in 1995.

"I liked it so much that I told my instructor I wanted his job," she said. "I didn't know he took me seriously, but I wanted to be a part of it."

During her teaching stints, Bridges instructs the Reserve Forces Paralegal Course.

She also assisted in the development of the Senior Reserve Forces Paralegal Course. She fills her role as an instructor during her annual tour, but she visits the school regularly.

"Laws are always changing," she says. "I make two or three trips to Maxwell during the year just to stay on top of it and to get in the teaching mode."

Those who know Bridges agree that she has a sincere smile and accommodating demeanor.

Master Sgt. John Heckman, a reservist and former student with the 315th Airlift Wing at Charleston AFB, S.C., doesn't hesitate to call her when he has a question.

"I call her a couple of times a month to pick her brain about new procedures," he said. "She is an ART so she knows what she's doing, she's always willing to help and she sincerely cares about her students and former students."



Photo by Senior Airman Brett Brown

Master Sgt. Donna Bridges (right), assists Senior Airman Jason Mellor with some legal paperwork.

Air Force offers special war news web site

SAN ANTONIO (AFP) — The Air Force has a special Operation Iraqi Freedom web site highlighting the service news and photos from forward-deployed locations covering Air Force support of the war in Iraq.

This site is in addition to daily Air Force-wide news featured at www.af.mil.

"We want to give people one easy access point to learn everything the Air Force is doing regarding Operation Iraqi Freedom," said Master Sgt. Jim Greeley, chief of news technology at the Air Force News Agency here.

Visitors will find photography, videos, background information, quick facts, maps and special reports on the page.

Access to the site is available by clicking on the Operation Iraqi Freedom button on the news page or by going directly to <http://www.af.mil/news/opscenter/index.shtml>.



Showcasing readiness capabilities



Photo by Don Peek

Bob Idol, 94th Civil Engineer Squadron readiness office, gives a briefing on his unit's capabilities to members of the Honorary Commander's Association. The Honorary Commanders, a mixture of local community leaders, were at Dobbins ARB for a tour March 4.

Services auction

Services is hosting an auction June 7. This is the first auction since 2000 and includes lots of great stuff, such as five-piece matching bedroom suites, living room suites, TV/VCR combinations, jet skis, kitchen equipment and much more. The auction starts at 4 p.m. You can view items between noon and 2 p.m. at a location to be announced.

Mother's Day buffet

Services is hosting its annual Easter buffet April 20 and its Mother's Day buffet May 11. Serving times are from 11:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. Prices for both buffets are \$14.95 for club members and \$16.95 for non-members. The menu includes hand-carved roast beef, honey-baked ham, chicken supreme in a delicate white wine sauce, smoked salmon, sweet potato soufflé, creamed potatoes and a variety of vegetables, gourmet salads and desserts.

Members only dining at the club

In Jan., the Dobbins Consolidated Club introduced members only dining. The prices reflect club member discounts. The schedule for members only dining this quarter is: **April 4** - Old country buffet \$6.95, All-u-Care-to-Eat **May 2** - Southern catfish buffet \$10.95, All-u-Care-to-Eat, **June 6** - Filet mignon at \$8.95

Air Force to award scholarships to club members totaling \$25,000

For the seventh consecutive year, Air Force club membership is helping members and their families combat the cost of higher education. Six individuals will be selected to receive a combined total of \$25,000 in scholarship money in the Air Force Club Membership Scholarship Program. For rules and eligibility, call Julie McKinney at 678-655-4975 or Missy Bozeman at 678-655-4797. All applications are due to the Chief of Services by July 15. First USA MasterCard and Coca-Cola sponsor the scholarship program. The sponsorship

doesn't imply federal endorsement of the sponsors.

Limited access ID cards available

Dobbins ARB and the Dobbins Consolidated Club are offering limited access ID cards to retired Lockheed employees who are club members. To receive the card, you must complete DARB Form 5. You can mail this information to Dobbins Services, 1492 First Street, Bldg. 922, Room 216, Dobbins ARB, GA 30069-5010, fax the information to 678-655-3881, or e-mail it to emmila.bozeman@dobbins.af.mil. When your form is ready for pick up at the Pass and ID trailer, you will receive a phone call at the number you provide. Pass and

ID hours are 8 a.m. to 2:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Passes are valid for one year after the issue date and are valid only during force protection conditions Alpha and Bravo.

Administrative Professional's Day

Looking for a gift to show your appreciation to your employee April 24? Look no further. The Creation Shop at the Rental Center offers creative bouquets using mugs, baskets, balloons, silk flowers and candy. How about a plaque or a desk clock engraved with special thoughts? Stop by bldg. 558 to order your very own creation.

Deep sea fishing trip

Come and enjoy the deep, blue sea during the day and explore beautiful Old Town Charleston, S.C., by night. The excursion departs from the Rental Center, bldg. 558, on June 13 at 10 a.m. and returns at approximately 4 p.m. on June 15. Transportation, fishing and lodging costs only \$150.00 per person.

A minimum of 12 participants are needed to conduct the excursion. Sign ups for this high-sea adventure starts May 19.

Health lectures for April, May and June

The Dobbins ARB Fitness Program is offering biweekly lectures on health and wellness topics at the Lakeside facility. These talks include tips on healthy eating habits, workout routines and emotional health. Lectures will be held on Wednesdays from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Lectures include:

April 16-Nutrition 101

April 30-Weight Loss/Healthy Cooking

May 7-Back and Knee Pain/Injury Prevention

May 21- Exercise Program Design/Supplements

June 11-Stress Management/Time Management

June 25-Health Topics Concerning your Teenager

Honor Guard looking for members

The 94th Airlift Wing Honor Guard is looking to increase participation. They will be conducting a practice of Honors and Colors on April 19 at 8:30 a.m. at the Honor Guard Office. If interested, please contact Master Sgt. Denise White at 5-5273 or Master Sgt. Sandra Bowens at 5-5146.

Celebrating Dr. Seuss

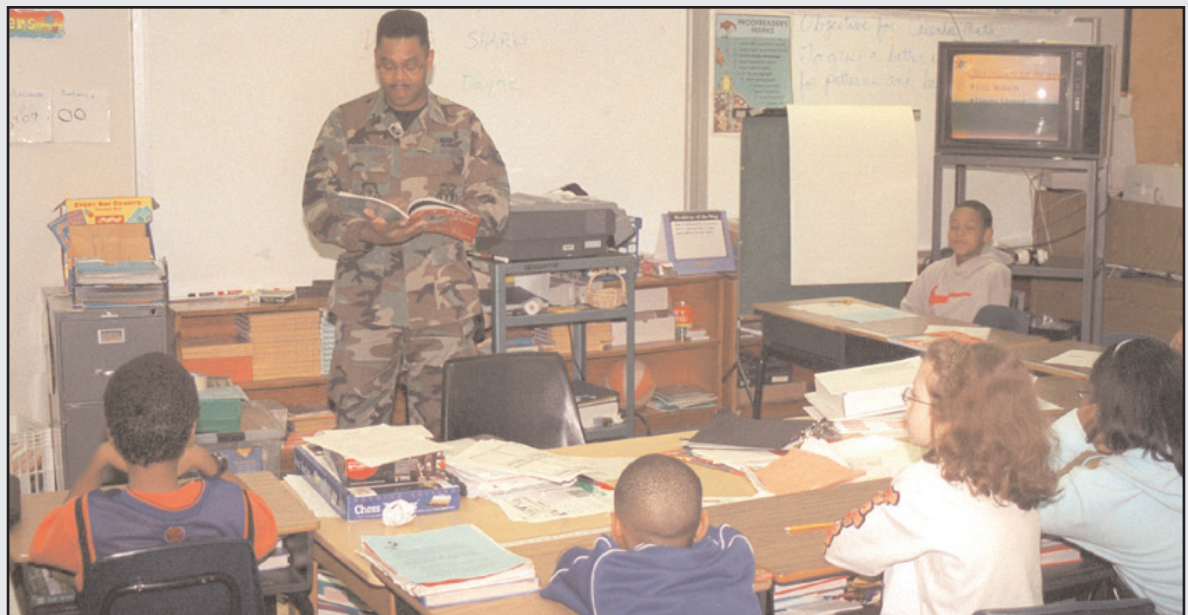


Photo by Tech. Sgt. Bob Puritman

Tech. Sgt. Eric McClendon, 94th Security Forces Squadron, reads the "Cat in the Hat" to a group of fourth graders at King Springs Elementary School. McClendon volunteered to read to the kids as part of a nationwide campaign to celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday.

Deployments take toll on children

Family Support Office

"Where's my Daddy? When's he coming home? Who's going to take care of me while he's gone?"

These are the questions that children pose when they know that their parent is going to be deployed. It's a rough time for the whole family.

Everyone, children included, is trying to adjust to the idea that the home situation has changed for an indefinite period of time. Children experience the same psychological pattern as the non deployed parent.

If that parent demonstrates feelings of sadness or frustration, it is common for the children to mimic this behavior. They are, generally, upset when the parent is, and calm when she is calm.

Your children will experience many of the same feelings you do, but they will not be as good at verbally expressing them.

Children, even adolescents, tend to "act out" the way they feel. You may notice behavior changes and sometimes these are troublesome.

It is expected that the difficulties will become more manageable as the children adjust to the period of deployment.

Talking to your kids before and after the deployment is important. By including them in what's happening and sharing your feelings, it makes it easier and more comfortable for them to share theirs.

Remember that you aren't always up and don't expect them to be. There are days when they will be feeling frustrated or angry about the situation.

Encourage them to share their feelings. It helps a youngster to know that they are normal and that Mom and Dad have them, too.

Honesty is the best policy. Mom and Dad admitting that they don't want to go and that they are frightened can sometimes help a child to realize that the feelings they are having are shared ones.

Before leaving, the deploying parent should sit down with the entire family and discuss the situation, encouraging all to share how they are feeling.

Talk about what will happen when he's gone, and what will be different when he returns.

What can parents do to make this time easier for the children? Keep busy with activities that the children enjoy. Involve them in writing letters to Dad or sending audiotapes of family talk at dinnertime.

The deploying parent should be sure to write separate letters to the children whenever possible.

This helps a child feel special and

remembered. Keep the parent's picture in a prominent place, chosen by the child.

While the parent is gone, it is important to maintain a stable environment and, as much as possible, the same routine.

To keep things consistent as possible are important and help to foster a sense of security.

The same applies to discipline. It is vital to remain firm but loving and not defer all decisions until the family is back together. Refrain from threats of "Wait till your father comes home."

This may only help the children to fear his return.

Upon the parent's return, children behave in a variety of ways. There may be happiness, hugs, kisses and squeals of delight, or feelings of hurt, anger, resentment and hostility.

Child psychologists say all children have both positive and negative feelings toward a returning parent. That's okay, as long as the feelings are dealt with quickly and honestly.

Promotions

Major
David Blackburn
Steven Drosos
Paul Harvey
Janice Ivery
Mark Jordan
Steve Klein
Chris Rosato
Karen Toriello-Fite

Master Sergeant
Angela L. Cooper
David E. Jones
Sparkle W. Kornegay
Michael E. Malone
Patricia A. Palmer
Sharon Richardson
Cassandra D. Thomason
Timothy E. Williams
Scott E. Yoder

Staff Sergeant
Deanne Craig
Jonathan F. Holmes
Harold L. Johnson Jr.
Robert L. Lipham
Gloria R. Rodriguez

Senior Airman
Donald J. Browney III
Larry L. Smith Jr.
Bambi L. Tilley
Brandon C. Tucker
Adrian M. Willis

Airman First Class
Jonathan Deems
Michael K. Newsome

Newly assigned

1st. Lt. Darryl E. Bryant
Master Sgt. Leo W. Epley
Staff Sgt. Richard M. Fuher
Staff Sgt. B. Grand
Staff Sgt. Amber S. Grimes
Staff Sgt. Mareba S. Mack
Staff Sgt. Greg A. Pate
Staff Sgt. William P. Youngblood
Senior Airman Stephen W. Cole

Senior Airman Rodney A. Cox
Senior Airman Blayde M. Crockett
Senior Airman Emory A. Everhart
Senior Airman Jorge E. Hoyos
Senior Airman Michael L. Wells
Airman First Class Regina G. Bolinger
Airman First Class Joseph A. Duke
Airman Jonathan M. Deems

UTA Schedule

SATURDAY	Activity	Time	Location	SUNDAY	Activity	Time	Location
	Wing element staff mtg	7:30-8 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1202		Open Ranks	6:45-7:30 a.m.	Unit assigned
	CDC study hall	7:30-10 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2304		M16 rifle AFQC	TBD	Combat Arms range
	M16A2/M9/M870 AFQC	TBD	Combat Arms Range		M9 pistol AFQC	TBD	Combat Arms range
	M60 & M249 Mech	TBD	Combat Arms Range		Physical exams (aircrew)	8 a.m.	Navy Clinic
	Occupational physicals	8-11 a.m.	Navy Clinic		Immunizations	8-11 a.m.	Navy Clinic
	Newcomers intro	8:30-9:30 a.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR		Physical exams (non aircrew)	8:30 a.m.	Navy Clinic
	Wing Fitness Walk	9 a.m.	Base Ops		Mask Fit	8:30 a.m.-3 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1322
	NBCCD refresher	9-11 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1322		HRDC Mtg	9-9:30 a.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR
	Mammograms	9 a.m.-3 p.m.	Navy Clinic		In house 3S0X1 tng	8-9 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2304
	Newcomers orientations	9 a.m.-3:30 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1202		Wing commanders call	9 a.m.	Bldg. 731/F C Hangar
	OJT Managers meeting	9:30-10:30 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2304		Trng Review Panel	9 a.m.	Bldg. 727/700 AS
	Qtrly PCIII workers grp	10-11 a.m.	Bldg. 827/Rm 208B		Fam Spt Center POC mtg	9-9:30 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2313
	First Sgt. group mtg.	11 a.m.-noon	Bldg. 744/94 LRS		Yellow Fever shots	9-10 a.m.	Navy Clinic
	Occupational physicals	1 p.m.	Navy Clinic		Chiefs Group meeting	9-10 a.m.	TBD
	CDC exams	1-3 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2304		CDC Exams	9 a.m.-noon	Bldg. 838/Rm 2304
	NBCCD refresher	1-3 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1322		IG Complaints	10 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2105
	Deployment outprocess	2 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2406		Enl advisor council mtg	10-10:30 a.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR
	Deployment mgrs mtg	3-4 p.m.	Bldg. 838/WCR		30-day record review	10-11 a.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 1202
	Retreat (94 LRS)	4 p.m.	Bldg. 922/Front		Cmdrs working lunch	11:30 a.m.	Club
					CDC Study hall	1 p.m.	Bldg. 838/Rm 2304
					Immunizations	1-3 p.m.	Navy Clinic
					Flying Safety	1-2 p.m.	Bldg. 727/700 AS
					Sign out	4 p.m.	Unit